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*ex officio*, and twelve elective members, four to be elected each year for a period of three years.

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#### LOCAL COMMITTEE

The Local Committee in charge of arrangements for this meeting is as follows: The Honorable Quincey A. Myers, The Honorable Amos W. Butler, The Honorable James A. Collins, Dr. Charles P. Emerson, Dr. Patrick H. Weeks, Dr. Kenosha B. Sessions, Honorable Charles J. Orbison, Dean Charles McGuffey Hepburn, George H. Batchelor, Esq., Elmer E. Stevenson, Esq., Honorable David Myers, M. E. Foley, Esq., Dr. Demarchus C. Brown, Dr. W. L. Bryan.

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#### RESOLUTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE RE INTERPRETATION OF POLICE FUNCTION

The following resolutions were adopted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police at their annual convention in Detroit, Mich., on June 10, 1920. They were drawn by Robert H. Gault and introduced in full meeting of the Association by Chief August Vollmer of Berkeley, Cal., who is well known as one of the most forward looking chiefs of police in America. Probably no other man in America has done more than he to make police work a profession. He is one of the editors of this JOURNAL. Articles from his hand have frequently been printed here. One may be found in this number.

The chiefs of police deserve great credit for having taken such ground as is indicated in these resolutions:

WHEREAS, Many universities, colleges, research bureaus and voluntary civic organizations are conducting social and health surveys and other forms of research with a view to improving the moral standards of the people, and increasing their effectiveness as members of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Such organizations are showing from time to time, by means of their investigations, how the communities in which they are working may reduce crime in their midst by the correction of unfortunate social conditions such as interfere with the attainment of a high level of morality and of health, and are thereby pointing out the ways whereby particular communities may work to prevent the development of criminals in their midst; and

WHEREAS, Many universities, colleges, research bureaus and voluntary civic organizations, on the basis of their investigations are building up central bureaus or clearing houses of criminal records which incorporate criminal histories with other data, such as family

records maintained for the usual purposes of social welfare in the files of various civic bodies; and

WHEREAS, Such bureaus are already of inestimable value to criminal courts, police forces and other organizations and individuals of constructive vision; therefore be it

*Resolved*, First, that the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in convention assembled, approve such activities of reputable organizations as those referred to in the preamble.

Second, That the activities of such organizations, in as far as they aim to assist in the prevention of crime and to facilitate the apprehension of criminals and procedure against them, be interpreted by this Association as lying within the scope of police function.

Third, That this Association urgently request police chiefs, other peace officers and public officials generally in all places to co-operate fully with reputable organizations of the sorts designated in the preamble and to place at their disposal whatever police data may be needed to make the necessary connection with such records as are usually to be found in the files of organizations for social welfare and thereby to make complete in one record the full developmental history of individual criminals; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of this Association and published in the annual proceedings.

Introduced at Detroit, June 10, 1920, and adopted in full session.

Immediately after the above resolutions had been adopted the president of the Association, Chief J. M. Quigley of Rochester, N. Y., signed the following letter:

To All Chiefs of Police in the United States:

The attached resolutions are interpreted as covering the work of such organizations as the Rockefeller Foundation of New York, the Mental Hygiene Societies of the nation and the various states, the Russell Sage Foundation, the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology and its state branches, University Departments of Medicine, Law, Psychology, Education, Sociology, etc., the Chicago Crime Commission, the Helen S. Trounstone Foundation of Cincinnati, and the Council of Social Agencies of Cincinnati, and other reputable investigating bodies of similar character.

The request embodied in the resolutions extends to supplying to such reputable organizations as those named above, and others of like character, the names and addresses of arrests, the charges against them, the time and place of arrest, and such other data as must be them, the time and place of arrest, and such other data of police record as must be embodied with the records usually found in the files of social

welfare organizations, to the end of furnishing a sufficient basis for a constructive social policy relating to delinquency and crime.

Respectfully, J. M. QUIGLEY,  
President, International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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RESOLUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
CHIEFS OF POLICE RELATING TO THE SUPPRESSION  
OF PROSTITUTION AND THE CONTROL OF  
VENEREAL DISEASES

The following resolutions were introduced by Chief August Vollmer before the Association of Chiefs of Police in Detroit, Mich., on June 10, 1920, and adopted:

WHEREAS, Prostitution is the main source of the venereal diseases which cause inestimable economic loss, as well as broken lives and homes; and

WHEREAS, The United States Government during the war carried on a relentless campaign for the repression of prostitution and the control of venereal diseases, which resulted in keeping the army and navy fit to fight, with a corresponding benefit to the civil population; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government, through the Public Health Service and the Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board, continues to assist the States with Federal appropriations and personnel; and

WHEREAS, The main burden of law enforcement falls upon police departments, which are sometimes inadequately equipped with laws, personnel and funds; be it

*Resolved*, That the International Association of Police Chiefs endorses the campaign for the repression of prostitution and the control of venereal diseases, and believes that it should be continued with redoubled vigor hereafter, and also urges the adoption by the States and municipalities of better laws for the accomplishment of such purpose, and the appropriation of larger sums for its fulfillment.

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Approximately 400 chiefs of police from all parts of the United States were present at this twenty-seventh annual meeting. Among the interesting papers presented before the convention was one by Chief William Copelan, who advocated the use of wireless telegraphy to assist in apprehending criminals. Chief August Vollmer of Berkeley, Cal., presented a paper on "A Practical Method for Selecting Police Officers."

It will later be published in this JOURNAL.

ROBERT H. GAULT.